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Impact of Demonetisation on Tourism
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been made aware that recent Demonetisation of 500, 1000 denomination currencies in the country has negatively affected the tourism sector and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(b) whether majority of the domestic and international tourists have cancelled their trips in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the time expected by the Government to overcome the situation;
(d) whether any special packages are planned to compensate the loss incurred by the tourism sector in this regard; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 9th - 30th November, 2016, i.e. post de-monetisation period, was 6.45 lakhs registering a positive growth of 4.6% over same period of previous year. State/UT-wise break-up of this information is not available.

(b): As per the information received from Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), no incidences of cancellation have been reported by their members due to demonetisation.

(c) to (e): After the announcement of demonetization by Government of India, the difficulties faced by the international tourists regarding changing of currency at the airport came to light and brought to the notice of Ministry of Tourism by the media report and representation received from IATO.

Accordingly, Ministry of Tourism has taken up the matter with concerned authorities to ease the difficulties faced by the foreign tourists in this connection. Details of the same are given at Annexure.

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